My street tree

Have you ever stopped to have a good look at your nearest garden or street trees? What sort are they? How old? Are they important for wildlife? Do birds roost or nest in them?

You will need:

- Sheet of blank paper and clipboard
- Extra paper and crayons
- Magnifying glass or bug pot
- Minibeast ID chart or book
- Tape measure (optional)
- Leaf spotting sheet or other tree ID chart

1. Draw your tree in the middle of your paper. Use a leaf spotting sheet to help identify it.

2. Stick a fallen leaf on the paper, or do a rubbing using paper and crayons.

3. Use a magnifying glass, pot or pooter to check out the minibeasts living on your tree.

4. How thick is its trunk? Can you measure it at chest height with a tape measure? Can you hug it?

5. Does your tree have plenty of healthy leaves and soil around its trunk?

6. What other wildlife is living in the tree? Put all your findings on your tree drawing.

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MY TREE: Oak
LOCATION: outside my house
HEIGHT: half the height of house

MINIBEASTS:
1 green caterpillar
2 woodlice
2 harvestmen
lots of aphids
2 spiders

Soil around the tree
Plenty of healthy leaves
leaf rubbing
bark rubbing

I can reach around it

VERDICT: I think my tree is healthy

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